

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 as follows:

CHITIN OLIGOSACCHARIDE ELICTOR-BINDING ~~PROTEIN~~ PROTEINS

Please insert the following new paragraph, beginning on page 1, line 4:

This application is a U.S. national entry of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/003451, filed on March 2, 2005, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-059551, filed on March 3, 2004.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 24 as follows:

~~Production~~ Measurement of the production of reactive oxygen in rice protoplasts was performed using the luminol method (Schwacke, R. and Hager, A. Planta, 187, 136-141(1992)). Reacted solutions were stored on ice until the measurement. A 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer at pH 7.9 was used as the solvent for luminol and potassium ferricyanide. Potassium ferricyanide was prepared immediately before use, and the luminol solution was stored at low temperature in the dark and was warmed to room temperature before use.